

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)



Item 5: General Debate

The United States of America (US) Has Cut off Iran from major Humanitarian Goods

Mr. President,

US officials claim that the toughest-ever sanctions on Iran oil, shipping and banking will not hurt the people.¹ However, Iran-based NGOs publicly announce that this is a big lie. The sanction imposed on the inter-bank transactions system or SWIFT, seriously limits all Iranian access to food and medicine. The serious shortage of medicine, medical equipment and food endangered thousands of lives including those of patients with chronic disease.

Mr. President,

Being deeply appalled by the fact that collective punishment of the Iranian people is taking place while the country's full compliance with its nuclear obligations is confirmed by the IAEA more than 12 times, ODVV makes an urgent call on the Human Rights Council to mandate a fact finding mission to study the negative effects of UCMs on human rights of civilians in all targeted countries.

Our NGO recalls the reports of the Advisory Committee on the negative impacts of UCM, and Mr. Idriss Jazairy, and ask the council for establishing a "central registrar" for registration of adverse effects of UCM imposed by each country on the people in target countries. Such body can benefit from the contributions of the Human rights NGOs in sanctioning and target countries.

¹. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/nov/04/pompeo-trump-us-sanctions-oil-iran-iranian-people>